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SUBJECT:TDY OF LABOR ATTACHE TO STOCKHOLM FOR IMF CONGRESS

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1. FOR STOCKHOLM. DEPARTMENT SHARES EMBASSY'S CONCERN RE
NEED FOR LABOR ATTACHE TO COVER CONGRESS INTERNATIONAL
METALWORKERS FEDERATION (IMF) JULY 2-6 AND SUBSEQUENTLY THE
INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTWORKERS FEDERATION (ITF) CONGRESS
AUGUST 7-15. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT TIMETABLE FOR CHALFIN'S
REASSIGNMENT TO STOCKHOLM WILL NOT PERMIT ARRIVAL IN JULY,
DEPARTMENT IS SEEKING TO ARRANGE FOR DETAIL OF EXPERIENCED
SENIOR LABOR ATTACHE FROM ANOTHER POST TO ASSIST EMBASSY
DURING PERIOD OF IMF CONGRESS. SINCE A NUMBER OF THE US
TRADE UNION LEADERS WILL BE ARRIVING IN STOCKHOLM FOR PRE-
LIMINARY EXECUTIVE MEETINGS BEGINNING JUNE 25 AND 26,
DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES NEED FOR ARRIVAL OF TDY LABOR ATTACHE
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AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE THAT WEEK. (DEPARTMENT WILL TRY TO

WORK OUT SIMILAR ARRANGEMENT, IF NECESSARY, FOR ITF CONGRESS IN AUGUST.)

2. FOR LONDON. UPCOMING CONGRESS OF INTERNATIONAL METALWORKERS FEDERATION (IMF) JULY 2-6 IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT CONGRESS OF LARGEST AND PROBABLY MOST ACTIVE OF THE FREE WORLD INTERNATIONAL TRADE SECRETARIATS. AMONG ISSUES COMING UP AT CONGRESS WHICH ARE OF SPECIAL INTEREST IS

CONTROVERSIAL ELECTION OF NEW GENERAL SECRETARY IN WHICH TWO AMERICANS ARE COMPETING. COVERAGE OF DEVELOPMENTS ON THIS ISSUE, AMONG OTHERS, REQUIRES DEFT HANDLING BY SEASONED LABOR ATTACHE WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH BACKGROUND OF PROBLEMS AND SENSITIVITIES OF US AND FOREIGN TRADE UNIONS INVOLVED, AND WHO IS FAVORABLY KNOWN TO THE RELATIVELY LARGE NUMBER (APPROXIMATELY 25-30) OF US TRADE UNION LEADERS, FROM MACHINISTS (IAM), STEELWORKERS, AUTOMOBILE WORKERS (UAW), ELECTRICAL WORKERS (IBEW AND IUE) AND PERHAPS OTHER UNIONS WHO WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE.

3. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE, DEPARTMENT, WITH SUPPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, WOULD LIKE TO TDY LABOR ATTACHE HARRY POLLAK TO STOCKHOLM FOR THIS PURPOSE. DEPARTMENT AWARE THAT POLLAK DUE TO DEPART POST FOR HOME LEAVE ON OR ABOUT JULY 7 AND HOPES IT MIGHT BE FEASIBLE FOR HIM TO DEPART EARLIER SO THAT HE CAN REPORT FOR DUTY AT STOCKHOLM ON OR ABOUT JUNE 25 ENROUTE TO US. MOST DESIRABLE THAT HE BE IN STOCKHOLM ON OR ABOUT JUNE 25 FOR REASONS INDICATED PARA 1 AND BECAUSE IMF EXECUTIVE AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS THAT WEEK EXPECTED TO TAKE POLICY DECISIONS ON SUBJECT, OF INTEREST TO US.

4. DEPARTMENT HOPES THAT EMBASSY LONDON WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE POLLAK AVAILABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH URGENT NEED DESCRIBED ABOVE. POLLAK'S HOME LEAVE ORDERS WILL BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE FOR TRAVEL VIA STOCKHOLM. EUR WILL ISSUE SEPARATE ORDERS TO COVER PER DIEM EXPENSE IN STOCKHOLM.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE LONDON REPLY ASAP. SISCO
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